

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

*Amendments*

*In the Specification:*

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 09/423,783 filed June 26, 2000 which is a U.S. National Phase application based on International Application PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996. The current application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/795,292 filed January 14, 1999 which is a U.S. National Phase application based on International Application PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996. The contents of each application are incorporated herein by reference.